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MERRY MILITARY MEET.

Co. D, N. G. H., Give a High Jinks at the Armory.

Feasting and Music with Oratory Beguile the Time.

The armory was the scene of a gay and a brilliant throng of military men Wednesday evening, the occasion being the first, but it is hoped, not the last "High Jinks" of Co. D volunteers of the National Guards of Hawaii. The massive pavilion was decked in bunting and evergreens, presenting a very attractive appearance. Inside the entrance, suspended from one side of the hall to the other, was the six y-foot American flag of the American League. Directly under the center was a small cannon, at the back of which was a heap of cannon balls. Stacks of rifles were stationed here and there. The incandescent electric lights lent additional charm. Streamers hung conspicuously throughout the building. The Government band under Prof. Berger was stationed on the north corner of the pavilion, and discoursed lively martial music throughout the evening. It was 7:30 o'clock when, to the strains of the march "Palolo," the guests of Co. D—military officials and others—marched in and sat around the festive board. Prominent among those present were: Adjutant Colonel J. H. Soper, Lieutenant Colonel J. H. Fisher, Major G. C. Potter, Major Geo. McLeod, Captains J. W. Pratt, C. B. Cooper, J. Good, A. Gartenberg, W. G. Ashley, Paul Smith, W. C. Wilder, J. M. Camara. There were perhaps a hundred present.

John Edinger attended to the comfortable disposition of the guests and J. W. Chapman, the barracks caterer, attended to the inner man. Captain Ashley, who acted as toastmaster, did not take much time in getting down to business, and acted his part throughout the evening in his usual affable manner. In opening the "high jinks" carnival the toastmaster would say beforehand that the deeper and sounder the remarks he made the Wilder Co. D would get. He deplored the absence of President Dole, who was unavoidably detained. He would, however, appoint Colonel Soper to the vacancy. Captain Wilder was called upon to make the address of welcome.

Captain Wilder said he had no idea what high jinks was, and was somewhat surprised when it was mentioned at the company's meeting. Only that evening had he been made aware what it really was. He did not know that he was to make the address of welcome, and only knew of it when he looked on the program. As captain of Co. D, he was highly pleased to welcome the guests to their first high jinks. He would take great pleasure in proposing a toast to "Our Guest."

Colonel Soper responded by saying that he had ate very sparingly at home and had come prepared for a good social time. The colonel presented the compliments of President Dole, which he assured those present, were heartily given.

After the singing of "Marching Through Georgia" by the company to accompany by the band, the toast, "To the Volunteers" was proposed by Lieutenant J. W. Jones of Co. D. He addressed his brother officers and comrades, saying that they were there to express their good social and brotherly feeling for each other. There had been a keen experience during the past two months, from which they had drawn benefit and knowledge. The term volunteers not only applies to the uniformed militia, but it also applies to those men who in 1893 successfully carried out the plan to establish a government respected

abroad for its stability. It also applies to those who hastened to the aid of the Government in the late insurrection, prompted by the conviction that their cause was right and just. The Republic of Hawaii can point with pride to its volunteers. They were looking forward to the time when annexation to that great Republic across the water is realized. The volunteers were not actuated with the hope of gain, but with that noble spirit of patriotism. Lieutenant Colonel Fisher responded, saying he would not be offended on this occasion by being called a volunteer, but he would say to those present that he had been drafted into the service. The volunteer bodies were a great help to the militia, and this was experienced in the rebellion in the United States in 1861. When the call for volunteers came farmers left their plows, fathers left their homes, business men their offices and storekeepers their stores. They should remember the order of their commander when in the valley of Manua. He said one whistle was the order to go forward, two false alarm and three retreat, but the third one would not be used. (Loud applause). "Rally Round the Flag" was sung with a vim, the entire company chiming in with the band.

Private L. D. Simmons delivered the oration. He spoke as follows: The sublime results of the battles fought on Hawaiian soil in January, 1895, have buttressed the foundations of a government the like of which, in competency and in purity of aims, this country has never before known. Two and a half months after that, we, representing the victors in that conflict all knew had to come, meet as brothers tried, and return thanks to Him who hath preserved us an army, a Government and a nation. With the officers and men of the military forces who did the fighting, in those days when at least an ugly uncertainty as to the strength of the enemy put courage to a crucial test, the war is over and the ill advised motives that actuated the course of Nowlin and Wilcox have been checkmated forever.

Out of that conflict has come the conviction, universal, more earnest and firm than ever expressed by the pen of Webster, that there is no internal influence, the power of which is at present latent or active, that can, with the past firmness of its defenders, destroy or impair the solidity and vigor of this republic. Indeed, all things human in Hawaii must conform to the idea that we and the institution of state now supported by us now have come to stay. That truth becomes more patent with the events of each day that passes.

The heart of every patriot in Hawaii must swell with just pride at the skill and bravery displayed by officers and men of the first regiment in battle, through privation and suffering on some occasions, and the noble principles active in the breast of the army that impelled it almost eagerly to the conflict united, a whole. To-day the military and the phalanx of citizen guardsmen back of it are joined in all that tends to the strengthening, the upbuilding and the prosperity of a government conceived in the law of freedom. This itself is just cause for congratulations.

Of the institution which we defended yesterday, support with our might to-day and will uphold tomorrow, the babes of this country will read in the years to come and speak of as the ark of their liberties. Upon our friends and ourselves rests the patriotic duty of aiding in shaping the policies and controlling the destiny of the government. Let us highly resolve to discharge that duty faithfully, with our strength and by civil means, as men and as patriots.

The day is at hand when, in the clear morning light of genuine Western civilization, this nation shall become one people in language, customs, law, religion, hope and destiny, all tending in the same general direction, with no room on these shores for retrogressive spirits in any denomination of life, political or otherwise. In attaining to this happy result conciliations must be made. The olive branch, as well as the sword, has its place. In proper season we must meet our late enemies on middle ground and extend to them at least the hand of

fierce ship. When in our power they were treated with the magnanimity of true soldiers. Personal enmity, if indeed such ever existed, passed off in the battle's smoke; in the sunshine of peace, after Mr. Low hath purged them fully of their transgressions, let there be no estrangement. The beacon, annexation, is in truth, after all, our light ahead. While maintaining that strong unity as an army, as a party let us reach out and seek the union of all kindred forces in the nation. In that way can we hasten the time when the army of Hawaii may assemble around a spark of that big camp-fire across the blue, of the great volunteer host of the United States, from which most of us have come.

A toast to "Annexation" was proposed by Lieutenant J. L. Torbert, who in a few words hoped they would work for that object in peace, harmony and goodwill first, last and all the time.

Major Potter responded, saying that he being an American hoped that some day his country's flag would protect and his country's laws would govern this country. He would advise all to stand by their captain, and they had a good one too, and they would get through. The speaker wound up by telling a story of a Chinese junk that after several severe efforts succeeded in getting off a reef. He drew a comparison between the illustration and the cause of annexation in Hawaii.

Private Westoby sang an original song with accompaniment by U. J. Ordway. The song was loudly applauded.

"The Press" was responded to by W. H. Coney of the Advertiser who thanked the company for their courtesy to the press.

A comic poem by Private Ramsey caused great hilarity and good humor. It was one of the hits of the evening and those who were "hit" took the joke good naturedly.

"Aloha Oa" was next on the program. Toastmaster Ashley said that he had been requested to call on Private Clark for his favorite song, "A Spanish Cavalier." Private Clark has an original, all my own style of singing the Cavalier and brought down the house. The rafters resounded with applause. None of the glass broke.

Corporal Kennedy recited the history of Co. D from its inception.

A toast to "The Regulars" was responded to by Captain Good, who hoped their good health would continue.

To the toast "The Staff," Major McLeod "let the subject drop with a few words."

"The Ladies" was responded to by Sergeant-Major Towse. He spoke about the kindness of the ladies of Honolulu during the late trouble. While the men were on duty on a cold night they would halt some one, and ask who came there, to be answered with "coffee." The ladies were very considerate and he paid them a high tribute. In closing he proposed three cheers for President Dole. Three rousing cheers were given.

Private Tucker read a prophecy, closing the addresses of the evening. After the singing of "Star Spangled Banner," three cheers were given and the "High Jinks" of Co. D were brought to a close.

The refreshments, both liquid and solid, were bountiful and of the best quality, adding to the laurels of Caterer Chapman.

Drowned at Kona.

A half-breed Chinese woman named Kaukau met with a sad fate at Kainani, Kona, Hawaii, recently by being drowned before the eyes of a number of her companions. The party were sitting on the rocks fishing when a wave came up and washed Kaukau off. She was swept into a cave and brought out again by the receding current. A second time she was washed in and when she emerged was dead. The husband was notified and he dived for the body, notwithstanding the rough seas, and rescued it. The body was buried the same day.

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